

A message was received from the House, through their Chief Clerk, inviting the Senate into the Hall of the House, for the purpose of electing a United States Senator. Whereupon the Senate repaired to the Hall of the House of Representatives.

IN JOINT SESSION.

The roll of the Senate being called, and a quorum present—Mr Flanagan, on the part of the Senate, nominated Thomas J. Rusk. There being no other nomination, Mr Rusk received the unanimous vote of the Senate. Mr Rusk having, also, received the unanimous vote of the House was declared, by the Speaker, constitutionally and legally elected United States Senator for and during the term of six years, from and after the 4th day of March, 1857.

On motion, the Senate returned to their chamber.

A bill supplementary to an Act authorising the Commissioners of the General Land Office to issue patents on certificates issued by the board of land Commissioners of Robertson county, under certain restrictions, approved Feb. 5th, 1850—read three time and passed.

A bill for the relief of Harrison county—read third time and passed.

On motion of Mr Martin, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to morrow morning.

FRIDAY, NOV. 16th, 1855.

The Senate was called to order by the President, pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain. Roll called—quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr Taylor, of Cass, presented the credentials of Hon Johnson Wren, senator elect from the Second Senatorial District, composed of the counties of Lamar and Hopkins, who came forward, was qualified and took his seat.

Mr McDade presented the petition of Thomas Hunt, attorney in fact for the heirs at law of Alexander Dunlap. Referred to the committee on private land claims.

Mr Allen presented the petition of sundry citizens of Denton and Cook counties; referred to the committee on public lands.

Mr Truit presented the informal petition of William Cravens, of William M. Hewitt, Sr., and of Mercer Fane; referred to the committee on public debt.

Mr Guinn, chairman of the committee on engrossed bills, reported a bill to amend an act entitled an act regulating the

public printing, approved March 8th, 1848; and a bill to incorporate the Texas cotton seed, oil and paper manufacturing company, correctly engrossed.

Mr. Weatherford, from the committee on public lands made the following report :

The committee on public lands to which was referred a bill donating, to actual settlers, three hundred and twenty acres of land, have had the same under consideration, and a majority of said committee have instructed me to report substitutes for the 2d and 4th sections, and also to amend the 3d section by striking out the word "eight" in the 6th and 8th lines, and inserting the word "twelve" in lieu thereof, and in the 6th section, strike out all after the word "act" in the 4th line from the bottom of the section, and after adopting said substitutes and amendments, recommend its passage.

Mr. Bryan, Chairman of the committee on education, to which was referred a bill to incorporate the Galveston Island University, reported the same back and recommended its passage with the following amendment :

Strike out in the last section all after the words "and apparatus."

Mr Bryan, from the same committee, reported back the following bills and recommended their passage, viz: A bill to establish and incorporate a literary institute, under the supervision and control of the Eastern Texas Annual Conference, located at the Town of Starrville, Smith county Texas.

A bill to establish and incorporate a literary institute under the supervision and control of the Eastern Texas Annual Conference, located at or near the town of Gilmer, Upshur county.

A bill to incorporate the Galveston Reading Club.

A bill for the protection of the lands that have been, or may hereafter be granted for purposes of education. A bill authorizing and requiring the Governor of the State to have surveyed, the unlocated balance of the University lands; and

A bill to authorize and require the treasurer to transfer the specie in the treasury belonging to the school fund, to disbursement account, and replace the same with United States five per cent indemnity bonds.

Mr Scott, chairman of the committee on public lands, to which was referred A bill for the relief of Thomas Williams, reported the same back and recommended its passage, with the following amendment—"Provided that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to affect the rights of third parties."

Mr Scott, from the same committee, reported back a bill confirming certain headrights, grants of land, lying on the boundary line of Austin's Colony and Robertson's Colony, and recommended its passage.

Mr Palmer, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which were referred a bill to create the 15th Judicial District and define the time of holding courts in the same; and a bill defining the 7th Judicial District and the time of holding Courts in the same—reported substitutes therefor, and recommended their adoption and passage.

Mr Potter, chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill, conferring power on county courts, to establish quarantine regulations, reported the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage, after the adoption of the following amendments:

1st, Change the caption so that it shall read as follows—to wit: A bill conferring power on county courts, and town and city corporate authorities, to establish quarantine regulations.

2d, Strike out the following words at the close of the bill—to wit: And this act shall take effect, and be in force, from and after its passage.

3d, Add the following as section 2—to wit:

SEC. 2. That the corporate authorities of the respective town and city municipal corporations in this State be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, whenever in their judgment it may be necessary, to establish quarantine regulations in their respective towns and cities, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the State; and any person offending against any such regulations, shall be subject therefor, before any justice of the peace of the county where the offence was committed, and the proceedings shall be conducted against such offender in the corporate name of the town or city where the offence was committed; and on conviction, such offender shall be subject to a fine of not more than one hundred dollars, to go to the use of the town or city where the offence was committed, or to imprisonment of not more than thirty days, in the town or city prison, where the offence was committed, and the trial of all cases arising under the provisions of this section, shall be conducted in the same manner as is provided for the trial of other offences, cognizable before justices of the peace.

Mr Doane introduced a bill for the relief of Stevenson Archer, district surveyor of El Paso land District; read first time.

Mr Armstrong introduced a bill to repeal an act relating to lands in Peter's colony; read first time.

On motion of Mr Bryan, Mr Hill was added to the committee on public lands.

On motion of Mr Russell, Mr Millican was added to the committee on State affairs.

On motion of Mr Guinn, Mr Wren was added to the committees on private land claims, Finance, and claims and accounts.

On motion of Mr Taylor, of Cass, Mr Burroughs was added to the committee on public lands.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to incorporate the Texas cotton seed, oil, and paper manufacturing company; read third time.

On motion of Mr Potter, the bill was amended by striking out the 9th section.

The bill was then passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs Allen, Bryan, Caldwell, Doane, Flanagan, Grimes, Guinn, Hill, Lott, McCulloch, McDade, Maverick, Millican, Palmer, Pirkey, Potter, Russell, Scarborough, Scott, Superviele, Taylor of Cass, Taylor of Houston, Truit, Whitaker, White and Wren—26.

NAVS—Messrs Armstrong, Burroughs, and Martin—3.

A bill to amend an act entitled, An act to amend an act regulating the public printing—approved March 8th, 1848; read third time.

Mr Taylor, of Cass, offered the following amendments:

Strike out of the caption, "March 8th, 1848," and insert "December 27th, 1851."

Strike out of the first section the words, "seventh section," and insert "first section;" adopted, and bill passed.

A bill authorizing the transfer of certain stock bonds, on certain conditions, together with the report of the committee on Finance, offering an amendment thereto, was read, amended, adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to incorporate Powder Horn Bayou and Matagorda Bay Dredging Company, together with the report of the committee on internal improvements, offering amendments thereto, was read, amendments adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

A Bill for the relief of Pre-emptioners,—Read 2d time, and on motion of Mr Potter, referred to the committee on public lands.

A Bill to relinquish the title of the State of Texas, to certain labors situated in the town tract of the City of Brownsville, to the original grantees thereof, their heirs and legal assigns, and

the balance of said tract to the corporation of said city for educational purposes,—Read 2d time and on motion of Mr Scarborough referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A Bill granting the Ferries within the limits of the city of Brownsville, to said City—Read 2d time and on motion of Mr Scarborough, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A Bill supplementary to “an act to establish and incorporate the college of DeKalb” approved 26th of January 1839,—Read 2d time and on motion of Mr Pirkey referred to the committee on Public Lands.

A Bill making appropriations for the improvement of the navigation of the Rivers of the State,—Read 2d time, and on motion of Mr Burroughs, referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

A Bill for the relief of James W Reed,—Read 2d time and ordered to be engrossed.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate, that the House had passed. A Bill to amend an Act entitled “an Act to incorporate the City of San Antonio” approved January 14th 1842, which originated in the Senate.

A Bill for the protection of the Western Frontier, together with the report of the committee on Indian affairs offering an amendment thereto, was read, and amendment adopted.

On motion of *Mr Taylor* of Fannin, the Bill was amended by striking out the sixth section by the following vote—yeas, Messrs Armstrong, Doane, Flanagan, Grimes, Guinn, Hord, Lott, McCulloch, McDade, Maverick, Millican, Palmer, Pirkey, Potter, Russell, Scarborough, Superviele, Taylor of Fannin, Taylor of Houston, Truit, Weatherford, Whitaker and White—23. Nays—Messrs. Bryan, Burroughs, Caldwell, Hill, Martin, Scott, Taylor of Cass and Wren—7.

Mr. Maverick moved to refer the Bill to a joint select committee of five on the part of the Senate. Carried by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs Bryan, Burroughs, Flanagan, Grimes, Guinn, Lott, Martin, Maverick, Millican, Palmer, Pirkey, Russell, Scarborough, Scott, Superviele, Taylor of Cass, Truit, Weatherford, Whitaker and Wren—20.

NAYS—Messrs. Armstrong, Caldwell, Doane, Hill, Hord, McCulloch, McDade, Potter, Taylor of Fannin, Taylor of Houston and White—11.

Messrs. Maverick, McCulloch, Taylor of Cass, Flanagan and Potter were appointed said committee.

On motion of Mr Bryan the committee was instructed to report on Monday the 19th inst.

On motion of Mr Hord, the Bill was made the special order of the day for Monday next at 11 o'clock.

On motion of Mr Taylor of Cass, the resolutions requiring the committee on printing to cause to be printed one hundred copies of the report of the Treasurer on the subject of common schools, and one hundred copies each of the Reports of the Commissioner of the General Land Office and of the Secretary of State, was taken from the table, and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to morrow morning.

SATURDAY, Nov. 17th, 1855.

The Senate was called to order by the President pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Chaplain—Roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Grimes presented the petition of C. B. Stewart, and of Henry Fantharp. Referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. McDade presented the petition of the citizens of Chappell Hill, in the county of Washington, praying for an act of incorporation. Referred to the committee on county boundaries.

Mr. Potter presented the petition of Robert Creuzbaur. Referred to the committee on State affairs.

Mr. Grimes presented the memorial of the board of trustees, of Austin College. Read and referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Potter, Chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a "Bill for the relief of Bartlett Sims," reported a substitute therefor, and recommended the adoption of the substitute, and the passage of the bill.

On motion of Mr. Doane, Mr. Hord was excused from attendance on the Senate, on account of sickness.

Mr Guinn, Chairman of the Committee on engrossed bills, reported a bill to incorporate the Texas and New Orleans Telegraph Company, correctly engrossed.

Mr Millican, Chairman of the committee on roads, bridges, and ferries, to which was referred a bill to incorporate the Austin city bridge company, reported the same back to the Senate and recommended its passage.

Mr Armstrong introduced a bill for the relief of A. B. Barleson. Read first time.